

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 12, 13, 16, 17, 20-22 and 25-27 directed to a species (and with regard to claims 25-27, an invention) non-elected without traverse. Accordingly, claims 12, 13, 16, 17, 20-22 and 25-27 are being cancelled.
2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ronald Greigg on 4/15/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 12, 13, 16, 17, 20-22 and 25-27 are cancelled.

Claim 8, at line 25, "trumpet-like" is changed to --trumpet bell--.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to WILLIAM MCCALISTER whose telephone number is (571)270-1869. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 9-7.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robin Evans can be reached on 571-272-4777. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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